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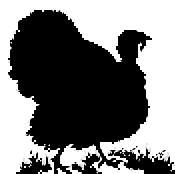
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady, instances firm on lighter weight hens. Limited amount of trading took place for packer label hens and toms for deferred shipping, no trading was reported for prompt arrivals. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings ranged from adequate to close. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand was moderate.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on light volumes of frozen thigh meat, tom drums and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was light with interest noted from Mexico and Russia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 02, 2004**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	77.50	400	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	77.50	160	OCT	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	77.50	400	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 03, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF AUGUST	CURRENT MONTH	LAST SAME MONTH MONTH	LAST SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>							
EASTERN REGION	73.60 **	74.50	60.00 **	8-16 LB HENS			
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.96	59.31 **	EASTERN REGION	73.32	71.21	57.74
WESTERN REGION	73.50 **	73.00 **	60.97	CENTRAL REGION	72.98	70.69	56.89
				WESTERN REGION	72.86	70.83	58.88
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>							
EASTERN REGION	73.40 **	74.00	59.63 **	16-24 LB TOMS			
CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.91	58.44 **	EASTERN REGION	72.50	70.64	57.05
WESTERN REGION	73.40 **	73.00 **	58.44	CENTRAL REGION	72.32	70.24	56.25
				WESTERN REGION	72.52	70.40	57.40

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	115-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-130

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 06-SEP-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>		<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	82.14	35	78.23	65
SALES (Promotions not included)	82.14	35	78.23	65
SALES (Promotions only)				
SALES (Price to be determined)		20		12

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	439,001*
August 1-28, 2004	395,892*
To date 2004	3,314,662*
To date 2003	3,576,711*

Preliminary

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 28-Aug-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE			LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	812	4	21.40	(A)	815	21.40
South Atlantic	808	4	30.22	(A)	811	30.22
North Central	2,211	3	30.52	(A)	2,214	30.52
South Central	477	-6	20.40	(A)	480	20.40
West	369	34	23.44	(A)	371	23.44
U.S. total	4,677(B)	4	27.31	14	4,691	27.31
To-date						
2004	147,102(B)			266	147,368	
To-date						
2003	158,972(B)			478	159,450	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the current year to date 1,711,000; for last year to date 2,186,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 28-Aug-2004

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
Avg Wt	15.47	35.42	23.89	31.51	27.31
Last week	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
Same wk yr ago	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
Avg Wt	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
To-date/2004	58,959	86,432	1,711	266	147,368
To-date/2003	63,838	92,948	2,186	478	159,450

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 SEPTEMBER 2004.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, with spot loads for prompt ship at lower trending prices. Frozen tom breast meat was barely steady to weak. Supplies of fresh and frozen breast meat were fully adequate for the fair demand. Fresh and frozen thigh meat were at least steady with sustained seller confidence. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 108 and fresh breast trim at 127. Supplies of fresh breast trim were tight and the market tone was firm. Frozen mechanically separated turkey +30 days age moved at 14 cents delivered port for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	96.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		F	154.00	46
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	34.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	32.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	44.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	33.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	199.00-209.00		204.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	208.75	160
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00		86.00	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	94.43	140
TENDERLOINS		F	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	157.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	188.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	61.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/				
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	34.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	33.71	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-83.00		82.75	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 SEPTEMBER 2004.**

The market tone on breast trim, scapula and wing meat with skin was steady to firm, breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to instances weak. Instances of increased confidence was noted on frozen tom breast meat in response to the increased activity at the lower trending prices. Demand on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins light to instances fair, balance moderate. Offerings of tom breast meat adequate to ample, destrapped tenderloins adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat light. The market tone on tom 2-joint wings was mostly steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to firm. Demand slow to moderate. Offerings of tom 2-joint wings mixed, balance light and held with confidence. Domestic trading was heavy on open priced fresh tom drums, fair on hen necks, balance slow. For domestic: livers 22 shipping point, tom full-cut wings 41 delivered late September - early October, fresh wing meat with skin 109, fresh scapula 112 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	96.00	400	96.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	49	154.00	49
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	87.00		87.00	80	87.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	34.00	80	33.47	163
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00		38.00	16	38.00	16
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	36.50		36.50	40	36.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00-39.00		38.33	60	37.55	141
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	44.00	80	42.86	187
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	86.00		86.00	120	86.00	120
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	20	26.91	43
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	400	18.00	400
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	157.00-165.00		161.00	100	187.46	260
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	199.00-210.00		205.02	377	205.02	377
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	86.00		86.00	140	85.82	340
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	118.00	40	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	95.00		95.00	80	95.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	152.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00-159.00		156.89	360	156.92	480
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	61.00-63.00		62.60	50	61.38	210
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	186.00-189.00		187.42	120	187.71	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-18.50		18.33	120	18.33	120
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00		38.00	80	36.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	33.71	140		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.50		16.50	104	17.78	164
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00		81.00	40	82.33	240

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